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Main Entry: ³**clear**

Function: *transitive verb*

- 1 a** : to make clear or translucent **b** : to free from pollution or cloudiness
- 2** : to free from accusation or blame : **EXONERATE**, **VINDICATE** <the opportunity to *clear* himself>
- 3 a** : to give insight to : **ENLIGHTEN** **b** : to make intelligible : **EXPLAIN** <*clear* up the mystery>
- 4 a** : to free from what obstructs or is unneeded: as (1) : **OPEN** 1b <*clear* a path> (2) : to remove unwanted growth or items from <*clear* the land of timber> (3) : to rid or make a rasping noise as if ridding (the throat) of phlegm (4) : to erase stored or displayed data from (as a computer or calculator) **b** : to empty of occupants <*clear* the room> **c** : **DISENTANGLE** <*clear* a fishing line> **d** : to remove from an area or place <*clear* the dishes from the table> **e** : **TRANSMIT**, **DISPATCH**
- 5 a** : to submit for approval <*clear* it with me first> **b** : **AUTHORIZE**, **APPROVE** <*cleared* the article for publication>: as (1) : to certify as trustworthy <*clear* a person for classified information> (2) : to permit (an aircraft) to proceed usually with a specified action <the plane was *cleared* to land>
- 6 a** : to free from obligation or encumbrance **b** : **SETTLE**, **DISCHARGE** <*clear* an account> **c** (1) : to free (a ship or shipment) by payment of duties or harbor fees (2) : to pass through (customs) **d** : to gain without deduction : **NET** <*clear* a profit> **e** : to put through a **clearinghouse**
- 7 a** : to go over, under, or by without touching <the ball just *cleared* the uprights> **b** : to move through successfully : **PASS** <the bill *cleared* the legislature>
- intransitive verb*
- 1 a** : to become clear <it *cleared* up quickly after the rain> **b** : to go away : **VANISH** <the symptoms *cleared* gradually> **c** : **SELL**
- 2 a** : to obtain permission to discharge cargo **b** : to conform to regulations or pay requisite fees prior to leaving port
- 3** : to pass through a **clearinghouse**
- 4** : to go to an authority (as for approval) before becoming effective

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- **clear·able**  /'klir-ə-b&l/ *adjective*
- **clear·er**  /'klir-ə/ *noun*
- **clear the air** *also clear the atmosphere* : to remove elements of hostility, tension, confusion, or uncertainty <had a long meeting to *clear the air*>
- **clear the decks** : to make sweeping preparations for action

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